GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2942
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2001
CONSUMER WELFARE FUND BIHAR
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have set up Consumer Welfare Fund for thewelfare of consumers in the country, particularly in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Non-Governmental Organisations to which assistance has been provided from this fund, State-wise; and

(d) the extent to which consumers would be benefited by it?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): A Consumer Welfare Fund (CWF) was created in 1992 with the objective of providing financial assistance to promote and protect the welfare of consumers, develop consumer awareness and strengthen the consumer movement in the country as a whole. Under the Consumer Welfare Fund Rules, any agency/ organization which is engaged in consumer welfare activities for a period of three years and is registered under any law for the time being in force, is eligible to seek financial assistance from the Fund.

(c) : A state-wise statement of the number of Non-Governmental Organizations to which assistance has been provided from this fund is given in Annexure.

(d) : The grants have been utilized for promoting consumer awareness and creating infrastructure facilities, thereby strengthening the consumer movement in the country.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (C) OF REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2942 FOR 10/8/2001.

NUMBER OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT RECEIVED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM CONSUMER WELFARE FUND

State/UT	No. of NGOs
ANDHRA PRADESH	74
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	
ASSAM	1
BIHAR	32
A&N ISLANDS	
CHANDIGARH	3
D & N HAVELI	-
DAMAN & DIU	-
DELHI	35
GOA	-
GUJARAT	15
HARYANA	4
HIMACHAL PRADESH	5
J & K	2
KARNATAKA	18
KERALA	8
MADHYA PRADESH	12
MAHARASHTRA	7
MANIPUR	6
MEGHALAYA	1
MIZORAM	1

NAGALAND	1
ORISSA	61
PUNJAB	1
RAJASTHAN	18
SIKKIM	
TAMIL NADU	62
UTTAR PRADESH	75
UTTARANCHAL	1
WEST BENGAL	13
Total	456